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PC655 – Clinical Pastoral Education

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Purpose: The purpose of this course is to provide students the opportunity to experience ministry and to reflect upon that experience. Clinical Pastoral Education is interfaith professional education for ministry. It brings theological students and ministers into supervised encounter with persons in crises. Out of an intensive involvement with persons in need, and the feedback from peers and teachers, students develop new awareness of themselves as persons and of the needs of those to whom they minister. From theological reflection on specific human needs of those to whom they minister. From theological reflection on specific human situations, they gain a new understanding of ministry. Within the interdisciplinary team process of helping persons, they develop skills in interpersonal and inter-professional relationships.

Objectives: By the end of this program students must be able to:

- respond to the changing context of spiritual care in the communities they serve;
- model professional competence, integrity and high ethical standards;
- embrace diversity, collaboration and accountability in contexts of diverse faiths;
- respond empathetically at a spiritual and theological level to issues of pain, suffering and grief in providing pastoral and spiritual care.

Context:

CPE is offered in a number of different kinds of settings. In many of the settings, such as general hospitals, mental health facilities, correctional institutions, children's hospitals, and nursing homes, ministry is provided to individuals, families, and small groups of people as a chaplain. There are a growing number of centers with innovative approaches to ministry. As a part of the application process, students are encouraged to clarify with a center the types of ministries that occur in that setting.

Application: You are responsible for applying to do the CPE. Go to www.acpe.edu for application materials and for accredited centers where you can do the CPE. You are responsible for paying the application fees, the seminary will pay or re-imburse your CPE center tuition, after you have paid the Asbury Seminary tuition.

Evaluation:

This is a credit only course and will be evaluated by your on site CPE supervisor. Mail the official evaluation to:

Counseling & Pastoral Care
c/o Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera PhD.
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It is your responsibility to make sure the supervisor sends in the evaluation or you will not receive credit.